

# Toyota Financial Services

## **Thabo Manaka: General Manager, Corporate Affairs**

*Toyota Financial Services offers a range of finance packages to both individual vehicle owners and fleet owners.*

Our CFO position became vacant mid 2015, and to allow ourselves some time to find the right candidate and correctly follow the hiring procedures of our multinational company, we decided to fill the gap with a short-term contractor. Vernon Beck from the FD Centre came on board as a temporary CFO for six months.

Vernon showed great initiative and attention to detail, and undertook all the necessary tasks to ensure the smooth running of the finance department and its outputs. Everyone in the finance department at that time was new to the company, so one of Vernon's main responsibilities was to provide guidance and leadership for the department, which he did very well.

We had a number of matters to resolve and Vernon took control of those and competently engaged our counterparties. He also has a very good understanding of capital markets and I was able to trust him completely to handle our governance and reporting issues.

I would definitely approach the FD Centre again for a temporary placement should the need arise. It's a model that worked well for both parties and it certainly was the best solution for us in 2015.